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: Examiner: M. Nghiem
HIROKI HAYASHI, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2863
Application No.: 09/726,021)
: Filed: November 30, 2000)
: For: SURFACE REFORMED FIBER BODY,)
LIQUID CONTAINER USING FIBER :
ABSORBER AND METHOD OF)
PRODUCING FIBER ABSORBER FOR : July 29, 2003
USE IN LIQUID EJECTION)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to Korean 1997-0010117, a copy of which is enclosed and which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This document was cited during prosecution of a Korean patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Korean Official Letter, which is dated July 1, 2003, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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This application has received a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113.

Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

An English language abstract has been located for the above Korean patent, and is included herewith. In addition, U.S. Patent 6,334,674 is believed to be an English language counterpart to Korean 1997-0010117, and a copy of that U.S. patent is also enclosed.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

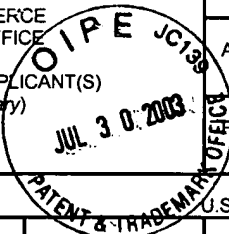
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6,334,674	1/1/02	Ono, et al	347	86	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		1997-10117	3/27/97	Korea			Abstract
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